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SUBJECT: BELGIAN CONTRIBUTION FOLKLORE FESTIVAL

MEETING OF CULTURAL MINISTRY REPS, BOONE, LEMPEREUR, HELD MAES
OFFICE NOVEMBER 3, AS PLANNED.

1. BOONE AND LEMPEREUR HAVE FOUND 14 CANDIDATES, ALL
READY TO TRAVEL TO U.S., EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN TWO CULTURAL
GROUPS. ADDING BOONE AND LEMPEREUR, EACH OF WHOM FULLY EXPECTS
TO COME, BELGIAN CONTINGENT WILL TOTAL 16.

2. EVEN IF NETHERLANDS FALLS OUT,BELGIANS MOST RELUCTANT
ADD PERFORMERS. THEY FEEL THEY HAVE FOUND FIRST-CLASS PEOPLE,
BUT HAVE BEEN BARELY ABLE MEET QUOTA. ANY ADDITIONAL NOMINEES
WOULD REPRESENT IMMEDIATE,SHARP FALL-OFF IN QUALITY.

3. TIME. ALL AGREE JULY 18 DEPARTURE BUT EMPHASIZE PRESENCE
IN U.S MUST NOT RPT NOT EXCEED THREE WEEKS.

4. NAMES INSTRUMENTS,BIO DATA OF PERFORMERS WILL BE
AIRMAILED NEXT WEEK.

5. FYI: MAES SENDING TWO OTHER GROUPS SEPARATELY TOU.S., ONE
FLEMISH, ONE WALLOON. NUMBERS AND DATES NOT YET FIXEM,
BUT HE WILL KEEP US INFORMED. SUGGESTS ONE GROUP OR THE OTHER
MIGHT BE USEFUL AS FILL-IN ETHNIC TOURS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK.

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6. LUXEMBOURG PARTICPATION NOT DISCUSSED AT NOVEMBER 3

MEETING. LET US KNOW IF WE SHOULD CONTACT LEPEREUR THIS REGARD.
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